WHEREAS, during this critical period in our nation's history of special trial and challenge, it is more important than ever before that we recognize the vital role and essential place of the rule of law to national stability and individual freedom; and,

WHEREAS, it has been said that the law is the strongest link between man and freedom. Our present day liberties are the result of the sacrifices and dedication of those who came before us and persevered to give us individual rights under law; and,

WHEREAS, in a government in which the individual is the key, the citizen must exercise his franchise wisely, give of his time and efforts for the betterment of society and the advancement of mankind, be informed on important state and national issues, and teach the principles of good citizenship, by example, in the home and in the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States and the President, by proclamation, have designated Monday, May first as LAW DAY USA. On the occasion of the 15th nationwide observance of Law Day, let each of us seek an increased understanding of, and respect for, the rule of law and the role of law:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Monday, May 1, 1972, as

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in South Dakota, and call upon all citizens of this State to join in its observance through appropriate ceremonies, programs and educational activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota in Pierre, the Capital City, this 13th day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE